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### Victory's Source.

Japan's undoubted victory at Mukden, the extent of which triumph will grow rather than diminish in the light of more complete reports, has drawn from the world once more the tribute which man pays to his fellow-man who achieves things.

Whether the observer at this distance from the scene of conflict be partial to the Japanese or sympathize with the Russians, he must contemplate the series of successes gained by the subjects of the Mikado as more than mere luck—or, as is oftentimes heard, "The fortunes of war." The intimation underlying such an explanation is that one contending party cannot expect to win all the time and that victory will shift to the other side in time. But in the present war in the Orient there has been nothing to indicate that a turning point of that sort is near at hand. On the contrary the noteworthy achievements of the Japanese in the first year of the struggle are now being far surpassed in the second year by the amazing victory at Mukden.

Whence comes such success? The Russian generals confided to all the world last autumn the stereotyped boast that they would eat their Christmas dinner in Tokyo. There would they make terms with the Japs pleading on bended knee. But such things have not occurred.

The silent, thoughtful sons of the island empire said nothing. More than that they prevented others from saying anything—those who would have heralded to the world the strong and weak points of the "Yankies of the East." All they wanted was a fair field and no favors. Having had the power to screen their war preparations behind the veil of secrecy, they have made no advance claims, have issued no bravado proclamations. They have just quietly persisted, asking no personal credit, seeking no recognition, desiring no reward other than the approval of their august emperor.

Now comes the explanation from many quarters that "keeping everlastingly at it brings success," which, of course, is a delightful truth, when properly seasoned, despite the fact that blind adherence to the letter and not the spirit of the maxim has often caused equally sublime failures. The Japanese have been keeping at it, as the Honorable Mr. Kuropatkin is in a position to testify. But when he comes to tell his story—and may his brave life be spared to describe his part of the bloody conflict—he is more likely to speak in this wise:

"The enemy were brave; so were we. They fought unceasingly; so did we. What more did they do?"

And then, in the bitterness of defeat, will he be compelled to say:

"They preserved unity of purpose, while dissensions rent my counselors. They lived in rigid routine, from commanding general to the most abject private, while in my forces grand dukesings set the pace for orgies even in the face of the enemy. They had whole armies in reserve, while court intrigues were in store for me."

Could Kuropatkin—veteran strategist and master of warfare—speak his mind, would the world brand him an incompetent? Far from it. The world awaits details of how he was trapped when he felt himself secure. And when these details come they will tell of armies hidden in northern Korea, drilled incessantly, provisioned fully, equipped for instant action as raiders when needed. The psychological moment arrived, they were swept to the front and Kuropatkin found his army encompassed.

In the husbanding of their resources and in always having one more trump in reserve, the Japanese have taught the world a lesson. Victory at Mukden was not accidental, or even the result only of persistence. It was their untaxed reserved energy which won the day and which always wins when other conditions are anywhere near equal.

### An Instance of Reversion.

Instances of reversion are not rare. Civilized man under certain conditions becomes a savage, as in war. The dog left without a master becomes again fierce and wild. Often the Indian, educated by the Government, goes back to his tribe, not to uplift it, but to accept its squalor and its blanket.

An unusual case is that of a negro missionary, a native of Africa, but trained for his work in the United States. He returned to his home, and for twenty-five years followed his calling as a teacher. He sought to spread among the heathen from whom he had been rescued, a knowledge of

the gospel. What his success may have been in this is not related, but now he has gone back to devil worship, and is chief of his people. He has fallen so far from grace as to have contracted a few plural marriages. This might go in Utah, but the sect that trained this missionary to better things is not pleased. It is, on the contrary, greatly disturbed not only at the exhibition of depravity, but the effect upon the heathen who have been sitting in darkness all the time.

However, the reversion is not surprising. One who has the heritage of the jungle, the gift to him from countless ancestors, needs more than one generation for reform. The making of a gentleman is said to require three generations, and this was assumed to be with the original individual having a better status than a naked Hottentot.

### Status of Unionism.

Nothing could have illustrated better the real status of organized labor than the strike in New York, and the quick failure that has followed. When the strike was declared it was in the name of national bodies, the character and purpose of which command respect. When the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, for instance, makes a statement of grievances, there is no doubt in the public mind that there is substantial basis for the action, and that the fight will be conducted in an orderly way.

The strike under consideration was believed to have the sanction and practically to be at the initiative of this brotherhood. At once it assumed dignified standing, excited sympathy, and the hope that it would succeed. The brotherhood and another national organization repudiated the strike, and this was the end of it.

The fact seems to have been made plain that the ordering of the strike was a breach of faith. This was not to be tolerated, and that it was soon made clear that organized labor was the first and most effective in denouncing it incidentally killed the strike, but it did much more. It demonstrated the real plane of unionism. There is no place for the agitator, the disturber, the leader who leads toward error and confusion. The organization that succeeds, that commands esteem, is for the conservation of rights, for legitimate protection. And it keeps absolute faith with itself, its associates, and with capital. For this reason it is a power, and a power not to be dreaded or feared.

### Points in Paragraphs.

Certain students at Ann Arbor, it is reported, will recover from their wounds. It seems that in pursuing the higher education they wanted to cut the hair of a freshman who did not think he needed a haircut.

Porto Rico clings to the coat of arms used under the Spanish regime. However, that regime was not so pleasing when they were in it.

Rev. Newman Smyth, of Hartford, is much concerned over the price paid in that State for senatorial honors. Doubtless the bids were too high.

Just after the hard-luck story emanating from Harvard, a gentleman has given that institution a million. This ought to help some.

The plague in India is trying to equal in effectiveness the war germ of Manchuria.

Chicago is getting cheery because on a recent day it was as dark as London in a fog.

One of the confidential men of Russell Sage has failed for \$77,106, and has assets amounting to \$75. In a small way he does credit to his financial training.

The Gas trust is said to be at Albany with \$200,000 to shape the trend of the investigation of itself. Some observers think this will create a prejudice against the combination.

Pretty soon Oyama and Kuropatkin will each be stating to the world what a splendid gentleman and fine fighter the other is.

Young Gould, who once stood off would-be hazers with a pistol, is said to have been caught unarmed and given his medicine after all. Merely pointing a weapon is not permanently effective as a reform measure.

Some young men in Berlin have pledged themselves to snatch from feminine hats any birds or parts thereof they may see. Mrs. Nation does her moral uplifting in about this fashion.

Judge Harkis, of Kentucky, "bows to the court," really admitting its authority over him. Seldom indeed has a Kentucky tribunal been so honored.

### IN THE SPRING.

(He who has the wisdom of experience will, in his forethought, always copper the earlier harbingers.—Meditations of Marcus O'Reilly.)

Signs there are of spring a-plenty, Eggs are nearly down to twenty. Cents a doubtful dozen.

And the shifty politician Hears, while he's for votes a-fishin', Bonnet bees a-buzzin'.

Sir and Lady Redbreast Robin Have on hand a trying job in All their daily flights, Hoping through the branches, looking For apartments nice (no cooking) On convenient sites.

While the man who has a leaning Likewards all his clubs is cleaning, With a heart of hope.

And the rooster, now expanding, Figures out the whole league's standing From last season's dope.

But if they are prematurely Gay about it they will surely Overlook a bet:

For they'll find the weather wizard Will pull out another blizzard From the winter yet.

—Indianapolis News.

## IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

### BRIEF PERSONALS OF GAY WORLD

Lord Beresford to Be Guest of Sir Mortimer.

### TRAVELS OF THE SMART SET

Annual Reception of the Geographic Society Will Be Held This Evening.

The British Ambassador and Lady Durand will entertain Lord Charles Beresford, vice admiral of the British navy, who will soon come to Washington for a short visit.

Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison, who is so pleasantly known in Washington, sailed from New York today for Genoa, on the Koenigin Luise, of the North German line, and will spend some time in Europe. Accompanying her were Mrs. Mary Burton Harrison and Miss Virginia Harrison.

Mrs. Oliver Cromwell left, Washington yesterday for a month's visit and rest.

Mrs. J. West Roosevelt and Miss Lorraine Roosevelt left New York yesterday on the Red Star liner Zealand for Antwerp.

The annual reception of the National Geographic Society will be held this evening at a handsome new home of the society, Hubbard Memorial Hall, at the corner of Sixteenth and M streets. All the members of the society and the women of their family are invited.

Baroness von Sternburg, wife of the Ambassador from Germany, has issued cards for three evening receptions, Tuesdays, March 14, 21, and 28.

Mrs. Fremont and the Misses Fremont will not be home today or on any of the Saturdays of Lent.

### Off to Baltimore.

Mrs. Charles G. Thorne and Mrs. Rapley, of Washington, went to Baltimore today to attend a luncheon given by Mrs. A. E. Booth at her residence, 2532 Eutaw place.

Mrs. and Mrs. M. Homburger have left for their home, in New York, after a visit of four weeks with their daughter, Mrs. M. A. Tauber.

Mrs. S. Oberndorfer, of Kingston, Ontario, wife of the tobacco manufacturer, of that place, is taking part in the Mothers' Congress which is in session in this city. Mrs. Oberndorfer is deeply interested in all sorts of woman's work and is prominently identified with the International Council of Women in Canada, where her activity has earned for her the sincere friendship of Lady Aberdeen and other prominent leaders in official society.

From here Mrs. Oberndorfer will go to Philadelphia for a visit to her daughter and then to Atlantic City. Mrs. Oberndorfer is staying with her friend, Mrs. Jacques, 801 Ninth street northwest, while in the city.

### Some Personal Gossip.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Kaufman entertained the Evening Whist Club at their home on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Sydney H. Reizenstein entertained at luncheon Wednesday in honor of Miss Isabella Baum, of New York.

Mrs. and Mrs. Sol Morris, of Seventeenth street, have gone to New York for a two weeks' trip.

Mrs. Stephen Spitz and Mrs. A. Berwanger have gone to Atlantic City for a month's stay.

Miss Jessie Middledorf, of Baltimore, is the guest of Helene Elsemann, of Massachusetts avenue.

Mrs. Isaac Behrend has as her guest Miss Levy, of Savannah, Ga.

Miss Lillian Sellman, of Baltimore, who has been visiting Miss Savina Goldsmith, of R street, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. George Levy, of New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Strauss.

Sydney C. Kaufman left yesterday for a trip to Old Point Comfort.

### CARDS ISSUED FOR THE MARRIAGE

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Julia Kellogg and Andrew Young Bradley, the wedding to take place at noon Saturday, March 25, at the Church of the Covenant.

The bride is one of the most popular girls in Washington society, and the bridegroom a prominent young attorney, and a prime favorite generally, and the wedding is one of the most interesting nuptial events to take place in Washington in a long time. The church ceremony will be followed by a wedding breakfast at the residence of Mrs. A. C. Tyler, who is an intimate friend of the bride's family, and will be attended only by the close friends of Miss Kellogg and the family of Mr. Bradley.

The wedding will be an entire white affair, without a touch of color.

Miss Maie Barnes will be maid of honor and will wear a gown of white lace, with a large white lace hat trimmed with plumes. The bridesmaids are Miss Edna Tyler, Miss Errol Brown, Miss Margaret Southland, Miss Anne Phelps Brown, Miss Alice Vernam, of New York, and Miss Kathleen Weston, a cousin of Miss Kellogg. They will all wear white net gowns with tulle coat effects, large white straw hats trimmed with white ribbons.

Miss Kellogg's bridal robe is of not only unusual beauty, but historic interest as well, and one of the most splendid gowns worn here in a long time. Almost the entire robe is made of rare point lace, all of which is yellowed with time, having adorned the bridal gown of her aunt, Mrs. General George H. Thomas, and was left to Miss Kellogg by will, with the stipulation that it was to compose her wedding robe.

White satin will form the long train and mounting for this robe, and a tulle veil and graceful blossoms will be worn.

Mr. Bradley will have as his best man his brother, Charles Bradley.



MRS. J. L. LOOSE.

Wife of Chicago Millionaire, Who Has Been the Guest of Miss Cannon for Many Weeks.

### HOSPITABLE HOSTS SERVE DINNERS

Brilliant Gathering in Home of Secretary Morton.

### MR. TAKAHIRA'S RECEPTION

Senator and Mrs. Gallinger Are Guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marye.

Dinners were the principal form of entertainment last night in the realm of society. There were several gatherings in hospitable homes of more than ordinary interest.

Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Morton entertained at a large dinner party last evening, having as guests the German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg, Justice and Mrs. Holmes, Lieutenant Commander De Faramond, Naval Attaché of the French Embassy, and Viscountess De Faramond; Secretary of the Netherlands Legation and Baroness Van Tuyll, Rider Haggard, novelist; Miss Rider Haggard, Senator Crane, Senator Beveridge, Colonel Edwards, Edwin Morgan, Captain Gilmore, Mrs. John Rodgers, Mrs. John Davis, Miss Macmillan, Miss Williams, of Chicago, and Miss Pauline Morton, the daughter of the house.

Mr. Takahira, the Japanese Minister, held a large but informal reception at the legation last night from 9 until 12 o'clock. His guests were men chosen from Congressional circles and official society generally. There were refreshments served, but no music. The minister had to assist him in receiving Eki Hiroki, first secretary, Masanao Hanahara, Mr. Akatsuka, Mr. Kubota, and Commander Takeshita, naval attaché, all of the legation staff.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marye, New Hampshire, had as their guests at dinner last night Senator and Mrs. Gallinger, Captain and Mrs. Potts, Commander and Mrs. Hedges, Admiral and Mrs. Mason, and Capt. and Mrs. Hugh Gallagher.

Whitney Lyon, of New York, gave a dinner last night at the New Willard Hotel to W. F. Wright, consul general to Munich, and St. John Gaffrey, of New York, consul general to Dresden. After the dinner Mr. Lyon entertained the guests at a box party at the theater.

A Maurice Low gave a dinner last night to the British Ambassador. Invited to meet him were the Speaker, Senators Burrows, Dillingham, McCreaty, Carter, Bacon, and Newlands; Representative Longworth, Representative Foster, and General Draper.

### BOY LASSOES ENGINEER IN MOVING LOCOMOTIVE

WEST CHESTER, Pa., March 11.—A small boy with a lasso performed a feat on the new railroad bridge at Downingtown which nearly cost an engineer his life.

A locomotive was passing, when the boy whirled his rope and caught the engineer by the arm. The boy tightened quickly, and was drawing the man from the cab window, when it snapped, thus averting certain death for him by a fall of more than 100 feet.

### COLORADO CONTEST IN SUPREME COURT

DENVER, March 11.—Pending an opinion from the Colorado supreme court whether the State legislature has the power to declare the office of governor vacant, the decision of the Peabody and Adams gubernatorial contest will be deferred.

Senator Morton Alexander, a member of the contest committee, today was allowed to amend his report, which favored the seating of Lieut. Gov. Jesse A. McDonald as governor.

## QUEEN OF ITALY GOES WALKING ABOUT ROME

With Two Attendants Her Majesty Trudges Along Like Other Mortals, Is Jostled by Bakers, and Upbraided by an Angry Cartman.

ROME, March 11.—The people of Rome, who have always complained that they were obliged to take the presence of the Queen in Rome on trust because she was seen only occasionally driving with the King, have suddenly discovered that if they will keep their eyes open they may see her more frequently.

Her majesty, on a recent walk, left the palace, quietly dressed in a tailor-made gown and toque, accompanied by a lady and gentleman-in-waiting, and wended her way through the narrow streets, which do not even possess sidewalks, between the Quirinal and the cora. She flattered herself against the sides of the houses to allow conveyances to pass,

obeying the shrill cries of the drivers as do common mortals, laughed heartily when a baker boy's baskets disturbed the equilibrium of her hat, and was inclined to be offended when a youngster with a hand-cart asked her why she did not get out of his way.

When she finally arrived at a depository of feminine work she was delighted with a rag doll built on an English model, and ordered two or three for presents to her young friend. She took home with her the one she found first, to add to the already large family of the Princess Mafalda, aged two and a half, carrying the doll in her hand.

The King met her at the palace as she arrived, and was greatly amused at the absurd-doll, the head of which peeped out of the paper.

### FRENCH PHYSICIANS DESERT HOSPITAL

Patients Now Dependent Upon the Nurses and Sisters of Mercy.

PARIS, March 11.—A strange condition of affairs is reported to exist in the Central Hospital of Dijon, in eastern France.

Two days ago the house surgeon on duty asked one of the visiting surgeons to replace him, but he, having something else to do, substituted a medical student.

The latter became intoxicated and created a scandal in the wards, and next day the board of directors suspended the two surgeons for a fortnight and refused to pay them during that period.

This measure, in the opinion of the other members of the medical staff, was too severe, and the remaining house surgeons left the hospital in a body, while the visiting surgeons refused to replace them.

The hospital is therefore without a single doctor, and the patients are dependent upon the nurses and Sisters of Mercy.

### CUBAN CONGRESS ENDS ITS WINTER SESSION

HAVANA, March 11.—The winter session of congress has ended, in accordance with a resolution previously adopted. There has been no quorum of the senate for a week and no quorum of the house for two days. President Palma's requests for the passage of certain of the more urgent measures were not complied with.

The house postponed action on the senate's bill for the sanitation of every town at the government's expense. The budget and the bill increasing the duty on rice, the Cuba railroad subvention, and the immigration bill go over to the session beginning in April.

Sir W. C. Van Horne and Henry M. Flagler were entertained at luncheon at the palace by President Palma.

### RUSSIAN RAILROADS NEED A KITCHENER

Thousands of Wagon Loads of Undelivered Goods Sidetracked and Loss Immense.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 11.—The congestion on the railway systems of Russia becomes worse every day. Within a week the number of wagon loads of undelivered goods in the yards and sidings has increased from 130,000 to nearly 150,000.

The confusion and loss caused by the congestion are bewildering. Troops have to be left behind to guard the warehouses from the depredations of the peasantry; food is going bad, while the Manchurian soldiers are in danger of starvation, and the rural factories, whose products are indispensable at the front, are lying idle for lack of raw material.

Russia's crying need at this moment is a Kitchener, who would start at one end of the military system and proceed to the other, sweeping all the rubbish before him.

### PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS TRACT SOCIETY MEETING

The Washington meeting of the American Tract Society will be held tomorrow at 11 o'clock at Grace Reformed Church, Fifteenth and O streets northwest, the Rev. Dr. J. M. Schick, pastor.

President Roosevelt will deliver an address, and it is expected that Justice Brewer, honorary vice president of the society, will preside. The Rev. Judson Swift, field secretary at New York, will make a report.

### DIVISION OF ESTATE OF FREDERICK REH

The will of Frederick Reh, September 14, 1899, has been offered for probate. He leaves to his son, Henry Reh, \$1,000; to pay to Bertha Reh, \$300; to Sophia Reh, \$200; to John Reh, \$100; to his daughter, Vogt, \$50; and to his wife \$500; to Clifford Reh, \$200 for his education, and to Henry Reh, \$200. The latter is named executor.

